

FY 2020 Supplemental Request

Department: Department of Health and Welfare
Division: Public Health Services
Program: Physical Health Services

Sponsor(s):
Sen: Lee, Agenbroad
Rep: Wintrow, Amador, Troy

Description: Alzheimer's Caregiver Data

1. Background:

Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in Idaho and the United States, and the number of deaths associated with this disease increased 145% between 2000 and 2017. Currently more than five million Americans are living with this disease. From a Medicaid perspective, the estimated cost was about \$49 billion in 2019 and the average per person cost that will be spent on an elderly person with Alzheimer's is 23 times greater than an elderly person without the disease. In Idaho, about 26,000 people are living with the disease, and Idaho ranks 16th in the nation for Idahoans diagnosed with this disease and other dementia deaths. For Medicaid specific, the cost for care (from all fund sources) is about \$144 million. This amount does not include the 97 million (estimated) volunteer hours for care, which equates to about \$1.2 billion of unpaid labor.

To ensure appropriate services are provided to Idahoans living with Alzheimer's, better data is needed. This funding would assist the medical community with better information for treating the disease and identifying early symptoms can lead to improved outcomes and more options to address the disease. Funding will be provided to the Vital Statistics Bureau in the department for associated costs related to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).

2. JFAC ACTION

Fund	Type	OT	FTP	PC	OE	CO	TB	LS	Total
0220-03	Gen		0.00	0	15,000	0	0	0	\$15,000
TOTAL			0.00	\$0	\$15,000	0	0	0	\$15,000

3. Actions:**a. Motion:**

"I move to the Department of Health and Welfare for the Physical Health Services Program, for fiscal year 2020, \$15,000 in ongoing operating expenditures, from the Cooperative Welfare (General) Fund."